owned or controlled in any manner by any other undertaking which not so exempted from provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987;

(ii) the formulations are marketed by the concerned unit/company in their own brand names and not in the brand names of and/or trade marks belonging to any other company.

(c) Since small scale sector units are exempt from price control in respect of Category II formulations, their prices are generally higher than the prices fixed by the Government in respect of organised sector units.

(d) To the extent information is available, the products involved in such cases are as under:—

(a) Combiflam Tablets
(b) Magadol Tablets
(c) Proxyvon range of formulations.
(d) Flagyl Injection
(e) Anaflam Tablets
(f) Alcovt H-Skin Ointment.

Assessment of liabilities of drug companies and their products

732. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what are the names of the companies and the products in respect of which liabilities under DPCO, 1979 remain to be assessed so far;

(b) what are the names of the companies and the products in respect of which liabilities on account of overcharging under DPCO, 1987 remains to be assessed;

(c) whether it is a fact that liabilities in these cases have not been assessed due to the proximity of some bureaucrates to these companies; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Assessment of the tentative liabilities of the companies on account of violation of the various provisions of the DPCOs and/or in terms of the judgements of the Courts has already been completed in a number of cases, while in respect of the remaining cases efforts are being made to complete the same as quickly as possible. In a number of cases, the progress has been hampered on account of non-receipt of complete data for the entire relevant period. The updated information has already been furnished alongwith Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 126 dated 16th July, 1992. The companies have been informed that in case they do not supply the data the Government will be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data becomes available from wherever. The question of any company being let off does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reduction of Custom Duty on Ceftaxidine

733. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 68 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that custom duty on Ceftaxidime was reduced in July, 1991;

(b) what was the earlier price and revised price and what was the extent of reduction in price;